



The National Fire Plan

FY 2001 Programs in Michigan



Overview

The National Fire Plan implements program activities in five key areas across the landscape. These key points are designed to respond to the severe wildfires of 2000, reduce their impacts on rural communities, and enhance firefighting capabilities in the future. Estimated National Fire Plan allocations to Michigan include (\$ in thousands):

Firefighting		Rehab and Restoration	Hazardous Fuel Treatment	Forest Health Projects	Community Assistance				TOTAL
Preparedness	Facilities				State Fire Assistance	Volunteer Fire Assistance	Economic Action Programs	Comm'ty & Private Land Fire Assist..	
3,010*	510	0	2,887	0	506	165	0	0	7,078

* Includes Ottawa NF (\$343,000), Hiawatha NF (\$1,170,000), and Huron-Manistee NFs (\$1,497,000).

Firefighting Resources

Staffing the most efficient organizational level (MEL) to provide prompt initial attack suppression on wildfires.

- Preparedness Organization - Increase resources within the 20-state **Eastern Region** to 125 engines, 17 dozers, 525 preparedness positions and one Interagency Hotshot Crew. The Hiawatha NF purchased one JD 550 bulldozer. The Huron Manistee purchased 2 compressed air foam units.
- Workforce Development - Add 274 new hires within the 20-state **Eastern Region** (includes seasonal, temporary, and conversions to permanent). Hiring accomplishments include: Hiawatha NF - 4 permanent seasonal employees and 3 temporary seasonals; Huron Manistee NF - 10 permanent and 20 temporary employees; Ottawa NF - 1 temporary seasonal.
- Fire Facilities - Invest \$510,000 (\$310,000 committed) in crew quarters and facilities on the Huron-Manistee NF, as part of a \$2 million program in Regional facilities planning support. Accomplishments include: two contracts let on the Hiawatha NF for bunkhouses at the Munising and St. Ignace Districts;
- Federal Excess Personal Property - Build on approximate \$20 million current inventory value of equipment and material already loaned to state fire organizations and their cooperators in Michigan.
- Fire Weather Predictions - Invest \$330,000 on research to develop improved models for forecasting fire weather and smoke transport, that can forecast weather conditions leading to high fire dangers, thus enhancing fire fighting capacity and fire preparedness. (RWU-4401, East Lansing, MI)

Hazardous Fuel Reduction

Targeting fuel management and reduction on high priority areas, especially wildland-urban interface areas.

- No fuel reduction treatments acreage has yet been documented in the National Database, 7/27/01.
- Hazardous Fuel Reduction projects planned on the Huron-Manistee NF totaling 5,140 acres (690 Title II acres, 4,450 Title IV acres of which 1,847 have been treated), on the Ottawa NF totaling 145 acres (50 Title II acres, 95 Title IV acres), and on the Hiawatha NF totaling 1,008 acres (173 Title II acres, 835 Title IV acres of which 565 Title IV lands have been treated).
- Forest Health Management base program activities help to prevent and control invasive species.

Community Assistance

Enhancing community capacity to reduce wildfire risk and expand local economic opportunities.

- Approximately \$230,000 in State Fire Assistance supports increased organizational and preparedness skills to assist with firefighting efforts, and \$276,000 supports Hazard Mitigation activities. Grants will be used for training and education, fuel reduction, hazard mitigation and equipment, and developing Firewise Communities. An additional \$368,000 is allocated in base program funds.
- Approximately \$165,000 in Volunteer Fire Assistance supports training and equipment to meet the needs of a portion of the 1,080 rural volunteer fire departments in Michigan. An additional \$125,000 is allocated in base program funds.
- \$985,000 in National Fire Plan Community Assistance supports activities across the 20 northeastern states. Included are:
 - Economic Action Programs to develop and expand markets for wood products from removed fuels; and
 - Community and Private Land Assistance to enhance fire planning in communities, enhance stewardship planning, and fund fuel management.

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